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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
OF THE  
TERRITORY OF OREGON.

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## MESSAGE.

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TERRITORY OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,        }  
Salem, January 19, 1856.                                }

HON. DELAZON SMITH, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, reports from the Adjutant General and Surgeon-in-chief of the Medical Department.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
GEO. L. CURRY, *Gov. of Oregon.*



## REPORT.

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TERRITORY OF OREGON,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Salem, January 18, 1856.*

*His Excellency* GEO. L. CURRY, *Gov. of Oregon:*

SIR:—The accompanying papers, which I have the honor of transmitting, embracing exhibits of the strength and composition of corps, registry of commissioned officers, copies of all "General orders" issued from and of official reports of active operations in the field, received at this office, will give a general report of the organization condition, and movements of the volunteer forces, in the service of the Territory of Oregon.

Some delay has been occasioned in submitting the report of this department, with the hope of embracing official returns of the movements and brilliant achievements of the first regiment of volunteers in the northern portion of the Territory; but up to this date no official reports or returns have been received at this office from any officer connected with that regiment. The various changes and alterations which may have taken place in the several companies of the regiments or battalions by resignations, transfers, deaths, discharges, or otherwise, I regret to say that I am wholly unable to report, as with a single exception, (Co. C, Capt. Stafford, 1st regiment,) no stated monthly returns of companies have been transmitted by the adjutants.

The companies composing the 1st regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, called into service by proclamation, dated October 11th, 1855, were mustered as follows:

Co. A, Capt. A. V. Wilson, 79 men, rank and file,  
October 13, at Portland.  
" B, " O. Humason, 65 men, rank and file,  
October 18, at Dalles.  
" C, " Jas. K. Kelly, 93 men, rank and file,  
October 16, at Portland.

The following officers were duly chosen by a vote of the several companies and commissioned on the 30th October :

On the 18th day of October, Capt. Jno. K. Lamerick, was appointed by me mustering officer, for the purpose of mustering into service the companies constituting the two battalions called for by proclamation of the 15th October, 1855, for middle and southern Oregon. His report is herewith submitted and I have much pleasure in acknowledging the promptness and efficiency with which the duties assigned him have been discharged.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

E. M. BARNUM, *Adjutant General, O. T.:*

SIR:—According to instructions received from you at Portland, Oct. 18, 1855, to muster into the service of the Territory of Oregon,

two battalions of mounted volunteers, called for by the proclamation of his Excellency, Geo. L. Curry, dated Portland, Oct. 15, 1855, for the purpose of suppressing hostilities in middle and southern Oregon, I proceeded at once to Eugene City, where, on the 23d of Oct., I mustered into the above service, the two companies called for from Lane county; company A, consisting of 87 men, rank and file, commanded by Capt. Joseph Bailey; company B, consisting of ninety-eight men, rank and file, commanded by Capt. Labon Buoy, and on the 24th day of October, the company from Linn county, were also mustered in, consisting of one hundred and eleven men, rank and file, under the command of Capt. Jonathan Keeney. As active and prompt movements were expected, I ordered these companies to march at once to the rendezvous at Roseburg, for the purpose of electing a Major to command, and I am happy to state that officers and men obeyed with great alacrity and reached Roseburg, on the third day from Eugene City.

Company A, commanded by Capt. Bailey, being one day in advance of companies B and C, gallantly hastened to the assistance of the volunteers south of the Canyon, who were there fighting the enemy on the Grave creek hills. The Douglas county company had enrolled and elected Capt. Samuel Gordon, and proceeded forthwith, to the assistance of the citizens south of the Canyon, and were also in the fight on the Grave creek hills.

The Umpqua companies not having organized and the Douglas county company being in the field, I proceeded to Jackson county to muster in the southern battalion. Many of the citizens in this county were in the field against the enemy as militia, under the command of Col. John E. Ross, and a great number were on detached service, at different posts, guarding the settlements, and some delay was necessary to collect those men as well as to inform the different Captains, who were then in the field, that they might repair to a place of rendezvous. The men assembled at Vanois' ferry, on Rogue river, and on the 10th of November, I mustered into the service of the Territory the southern battalion, consisting of the following companies:

Company A, commanded by Capt. E. A. Rice, consisting of ninety-four men, rank and file.

Company B, commanded by Capt. Robert L. Williams, consisting of one hundred and twenty-eight men, rank and file.

Company C, commanded by Capt. W. A. Wilkinson, consisting of seventy-three men, rank and file.

Company D, commanded by Capt. M. F. Alcorn, consisting of ninety-two men, rank and file.

I then hastened to Roseburg, for the purpose of mustering in the Douglas and Umpqua county companies, and on the 24th of November, I mustered the Umpqua county company, E, consisting of ninety-two men, rank and file, commanded by Capt. W. W. Chapman, and on the same day the Douglas county company, D, consisting of ninety men, rank and file; this making the northern battalion

consist of 478 men, rank and file, and the southern of 387 men, rank and file; making the entire volunteer force in the field, in southern Oregon, 865 men, nearly all of them experienced soldiers and well acquainted with Indian character; some of whom are already not unknown to fame, having distinguished themselves in former wars with these and other Indians.

The better to facilitate the business, I employed a clerk to make out the muster rolls, as most of the time the Captains had no writing materials and very seldom could find anything but a stump of a tree to use as a desk. A copy of each company's roll, I have forwarded to your office and caused one to be given to each Captain, and also retained one copy of each roll for myself. Accompanying this report you will receive the entire copies of every company in the 2d regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers.

With much respect, I am, dear sir, your ob't serv't,  
JOHN K. LAMERICK, *Mustering Officer.*

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HEAD QUARTERS, NORTHERN BATTALION,  
SOUTHERN DIVISION O. M. V's., Nov. 3, 1855. }

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen. of the Militia of Oregon Ter.:*

SIR:—The northern battalion of the southern division of Oregon mounted volunteers, called into service by the proclamation of His Excellency, Geo. L. Curry, of the date of 15th October, 1855, was organized at the rendezvous at Roseburg, on the 30th ult., in accordance with the Governor's proclamation. The place which I have selected for the head-quarters of the battalion under my command, is situated on the road leading from Umpqua to Jacksonville, about forty-eight miles south of Roseburg, and about seven miles north of Grave creek.

The following named companies are now now in service in the battalion under my command, viz:

One from Linn county, under command of Capt. Jonathan Keeney.

One from Lane county, under command of Capt. Buoy.

One from Lane county, under command of Capt. Bailey.

One from Douglas county, of about seventy-five men, under command of Capt. Gordon.

The last named company is not yet mustered in by Capt. Lamerick. Capt. Gordon left the rendezvous at Roseburg, on the 28th ult., prior to the arrival of Capt. Lamerick at the rendezvous, and prior to the organization of the battalion. Capt. G. reached the Grave creek hills with his company in time to participate in the engagement with the Indians of the 31st of October and 1st of November. Capt. Bailey also left the rendezvous on the 28th ult., and was engaged

with his command in the battle of the Grave creek hills, of the 31st ult. and 1st inst.

The following is a list of the killed and wounded of the respective companies :

*Capt. Bailey's Company.*

KILLED—John Gillespie.

WOUNDED SEVERELY—John Walden, John C. Richardson, James Laphar, and Thos. J. Aubry.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY—John Pankey.

*Capt. Gordon's Company.*

WOUNDED SEVERELY—James M. Fordice, William Wilson, and Hawkins Shelton.

From the report of Col. Ross, you will learn that the militia under his command has suffered severely, as also the U. S. dragoons under Capt. A. J. Smith. In my opinion, the force now in the field in the southern part of the Territory, is wholly inadequate to the present emergency. I would suggest that a call be made for another company of mounted volunteers, to be raised in some of the counties north of the Calapooia mountains to be added to the battalion under my command. I have authorized the Captains of the several companies in my battalion, to increase their companies to the number of one hundred and ten men each. It is unlikely that Capt. Gordon will be able to increase the present number of his company. No company is yet enrolled in Umpqua county, and it is not likely that a company can be raised in that county.

In the absence of regular army surgeons of the United States, I have employed Drs. Lucius Danforth, Eugene R. Fiske, M. D. Swiggett, A. W. Patterson, and S. Hamilton, to act as surgeons of the battalion. I have appointed J. W. Drew, adjutant of my battalion.

W. J. MARTIN,

*Maj. Northern Battalion S. Div. of O. M. V's.*

By J. W. DREW, *Adjutant.*

HEAD QUARTERS, CAMP LELAND, Dec. 10, 1855.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen. O. T.:*

SIR:—Herewith I have the honor to submit to you a detailed account of the operations of the northern battalion, southern division Oregon mounted volunteers under my command since my report of Nov. 3d.

A. G.—2.

After the battle of the Grave creek hills, in which a small portion of my command participated, a want of supplies compelled Col. Ross, commanding the ninth regiment Oregon militia, and Capt. Smith, of the regulars, to withdraw their forces from this point. Whilst making every preparation to renew the attack upon the Indians, in their recent strong hold, it was ascertained that they had abandoned their position, and from the best information that could be obtained, I was led to believe, had removed further to the westward and probably taken up a position somewhere on the head waters of the Coquille, in the big bend of Cow creek, or possibly in the lower Rogue river country. In either event their proximity to the thickly settled districts on the south side of the South Umpqua river, and the great exposure of this portion of Umpqua valley, determined me to detail a sufficient force from the several companies under my command, to occupy positions to check any demonstrations of the enemy in this quarter. For this purpose, Capt. Bailey, company A, of Lane county, was ordered to proceed to Cammas prairie, on the waters of the Coquille, a point easily accessible to the Umpqua valley, and commanding the nearest and best trails from the coast as well as that leading across the Umpqua mountains to lower Rogue river. Capt. Gordon, of the Douglas company, was ordered to occupy a position on Cow creek, about eight miles above the mouth of that stream, in order to protect the settlements in that quarter from the incursions of the Cow creek Indians, who had so recently committed such outrages upon the road between the Canyon and Grave creek. Lieut. T. W. Prath, with a detachment of the same company, was ordered for the present, to proceed up the north Umpqua, to keep an eye upon a small band of Indians who were reported to be in that quarter.

Under the proclamation of the Governor, authorizing the organization of two southern battalions, one cardinal object was to keep open the line of communication from the valleys of the Willamette and Umpqua, south of the California line. For this purpose, Capt. Keeney's company, of Linn county, was stationed at camp Bailey, about five miles south of the crossing of Cow creek, with orders to protect the road from the latter point to Grave creek. For a similar object, Capt. Buoy's company, B, of Lane county, was stationed at the south end of the Canyon; Capt. Elliff, with orders to keep open the communication from this post to the Grave creek crossing. Such was the disposition of my force on the 10th of November, with head quarters at camp Bailey. No immediate movement could be made against the Indians, as it was quite uncertain where they were to be found since their departure from the Grave creek hills. Had I ever been in possession of this information there was not ten days' rations on the line from Roseburgh to head-quarters. My first object was therefore to bring up supplies for a winter campaign if necessary.

On the 17th of November, I received an express dispatch from Major Bruce, commanding the Southern Battalion, Southern Division O. M. Vols., informing me that the Indians had made their appearance on Jump-off-Joe, and were supposed to be in force somewhere on

the waters of that stream, and requesting me to co-operate with him with all my available force. I immediately ordered up a detachment of thirty-five men from Capt. Bailey's company, and forty from Capt. Chapman's company, of Umpqua Co., having been notified that this company was now in the field and ready to move. With Capt. Bailey's detachment, I proceeded to Camp Venois, headquarters of the Southern Battalion. In the mean time, Capt. Williams, commanding a company in Maj. Bruce's command, had fallen in with and routed a small band of Indians near the mouth of Jump-off-Joe, supposed to be the force which had given the alarm a few days before, and to which Maj. Bruce referred in his dispatch of the 17th. In a conference with Maj. Bruce, and Capt. Judah, of Fort Jones, Cal., it was determined to move our whole available force down Rogue River, under a clear conviction that the enemy had proceeded in that direction. Whilst I fully concurred in this as the most advisable course to pursue, I was fully aware of the difficulties and hazards of a campaign at this season, across the mountains covered with snow, and liable within a few hours at any time during the rainy season, to be blocked up to an extent to bar the transit either of men or supplies. But no alternative was left but to do this, or go into winter quarters. The latter course could not be entertained for a moment, until one attempt had been made to strike an effectual blow against the enemy. To embarrass the movements of the battalion under my immediate command still further, notwithstanding my own exertions and those of the quartermaster's department, supplies had come forward barely fast enough to subsist the men and animals from day to day. I was therefore compelled to draw upon the Quartermaster of the southern battalion for ten days' rations. Arrangements being completed for our march on the morning of the 20th of November, two companies of the southern battalion, Capt. Williams and Alcorn's, were ordered to proceed down the south side of Rogue River, crossing the mountains which separate that stream from Illinois Valley, and join the main body of our forces somewhere in the vicinity of Little Meadows. Two companies of the northern battalion, under Capt. Keeney and Buoy, had already proceeded down Grave Creek in advance of the main force. On the 21st, the residue of our force, consisting of Capt. Rice and Wilkerson's companies, under Maj. Bruce, one company of regulars, under Capt. Judah, and a detachment of company A, of Lane county, under Capt. Bailey of my own battalion, took up the line of march from my headquarters at Camp Leland. Near the close of the first day's march, I discovered three or four Indians on an elevated point of a mountain overlooking our route, which I then supposed, as it afterwards proved, to be a scouting party. Soon after camping an alarm was given, and instant preparation made for an attack, caused by one of our guards, posted on the hill to guard the animals, firing upon and probably wounding one of this party.

Our second day's march, across a very elevated ridge from Grave Creek to the mouth of Whiskey Creek, on Rogue River, was one of

great difficulty, and attended with much fatigue, both to the men and their animals. Cpts. Buoy and Keeney had reached here the day before. From the reports of the scouts, as well as from the appearance of a recent encampment at this place, I was no longer in doubt that the Indians were either retiring before our forces, or concentrating their strength at some point in the vicinity of the Meadows. We therefore determined to push forward to that point, notwithstanding the shortness of our supplies, for two reasons: the hope of soon falling in with the enemy, and the assurance of our guides that an abundance of grass would be found there for our animals. Accordingly, early on Saturday, the 24th of November, our forces were toiling to the summit of the narrow divide which leads from the mouth of Whiskey Creek to the Little Meadows, a distance of 12 or 14 miles. Our progress was much impeded by the thick growth of low brushwood that covers the summit of the mountain, and the fallen timber across the trail. In descending the mountain, just before reaching camp, the attention of Capt. Judah, who led the advance, was arrested by the appearance of a camp on the river to his left, some five or six miles. Upon consultation with the guides, Capt. Judah was informed that it was the point where Capt Williams (before referred to) would strike the river in crossing the mountains from Illinois Valley. The number and character of the tents confirmed the impression of the guides that this detachment had reached the river in advance of us. About sundown we encamped upon a small table land or jog in the mountains, which here, and for many miles below, sweeps down to the river with a gentle declivity, and covered with a luxuriant growth of grass denominated the Meadows. It was determined to remain here until the location of the Indians could be certainly ascertained. Accordingly, early on the following morning scouts were dispatched up and down the river to discover their whereabouts, or any recent traces of their movements. Much to our surprise, about 10 o'clock, the detachment of Capt. Williams and Alcorn was discovered descending the mountain on our trail of yesterday, having crossed Rogue River at the mouth of Whiskey Creek, some three hours after the main body left camp at that point. The doubt as to the character of our neighbors in the canyon above, was at once cleared up. Thos. East, the scout who had been dispatched down the river, returned early in the afternoon, bringing no information except having discovered a few moccasin tracks, all leading up the stream. On a consultation with Major Bruce, Capt. Judah, of the regulars, and the captains of the several companies, a plan of attack was arranged for the following morning, Nov. 26th, subject in the meantime to be modified by the report of R. S. Belknap and James P. Barns, the spies who had ascended the river. It was near daylight of the next day after their departure, before their return, in consequence of which I felt some little apprehension for their safety. They had succeeded in approaching closely upon the Indians, by descending a sharp spur of the mountains fronting directly upon their encampment, on the opposite side of the river. As

this point could only be gained safely after dark, the number of the Indians, or the character of the fortifications upon which they were evidently engaged, could not be determined. That they were fully apprised of our presence, and making every preparation for defence, was not doubted. The position of the Indians was one of great natural strength. From the mouth of Whiskey Creek to the Meadows, the river threads its way at the bottom of a deep and uninterrupted canyon, formed on the south side of the river by a mountain running parallel to its course, very precipitous, and for the most part covered with a heavy growth of fir and pine, so thickly set with undergrowth as scarcely to be penetrated. On the north side the river is lined with a succession of serrated points or spurs, thrown off at right angles to the river from the ridge which our forces had traversed in reaching the meadows. To reach the river in the neighborhood of the Indians, from the north, by descending along the bottom of one of the intervening gorges, was impossible; to do so by descending the spur fronting the hostile camp, before referred to, our scouts pronounced a work of extreme difficulty, and barely practicable.

Capt. Judah had brought forward from Fort Lane, with great difficulty, a mountain howitzer with twenty rounds of shot and shell, which, in the hands of this experienced officer, could not fail to be very effective if a position could be gained to bring the Indians works within range of the gun. In this particular, Capt. Judah was left to the guidance of his own judgment, with the assurance on the part of Major Bruce and myself, of any support which he might need in addition to his force of regulars. Our first intention was to move under cover of night, but the guides were of the opinion that it would be impossible for the men to work their way in darkness across the gorges and through the dense undergrowth which covered the mountains for five or six miles—the distance to be traversed from a point opposite to our camp to the bar on which the Indians had fortified themselves. Our plan of attack was therefore to be put in execution as at first arranged. Maj. Bruce, with a force of about three hundred men, composed of the four companies of his own battalion, and one company—Capt. Keeney's—of the northern battalion, was to cross the river at the most practicable point nearly opposite the camp—once across, to extend his line as far up the mountain as possible, his left—Keeney's company—resting on the river, and Capt. Williams formed his right.

In this order he was to proceed up the river, and if successful in reaching the neighborhood of the Indians by a flank movement of his right to enclose their camp. At the same time myself with the residue of my battalion, about one hundred men, companies A and B, Capts. Bailey and Buoy, accompanied by Capt. Judah, with the howitzer and fifty regulars were to retrace our last day's march, about six miles, at that point making a sharp turn to the right, along the ridge which would lead us to the spur overlooking the village before referred to. We were informed that the mules used to transport

the howitzer could travel within a half or three-quarters of a mile of the break of the ridge overlooking the river. At this place the summit of the mountain became so narrow and irregular as to admit of the passage of the men only by hewing steps in the shelving cliffs and broken arm of the ridge, and where a misstep would send the unfortunate footman to certain destruction. The point once reached the descent was almost equally difficult. Capt. Judah, in the face of these obstacles, was determined nevertheless to make the attempt to reach the only position where his piece would command the entire encampment of the Indians; and if found practicable, I had determined to throw a part of my force across the river under cover of the howitzer and thus in conjunction with Major Bruce, to attack them in front and rear. The two divisions left camp early on the morning of the 26th and proceeded as rapidly as possible to their respective points of operation. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having reached a position that commanded a view of the river and Canyon where Maj. Bruce was to cross. I was first advised by the report of fire-arms at short intervals, of the opposition which his division had met with in attempting to cross the river. My first impression was that he had gained the timber on the opposite bank and was pushing skirmishing parties of the Indians before him towards the bar. It was near sundown when Capt. Judah and myself reached the point where we were to leave the transport mules. In the mean time the firing below had much increased and the appearance of small detachments of Bruce's command still on the north bank and a body of Indians swarming around a signal fire in plain view of us on a small open ridge that led down the river on the south side about a mile below the ranches gave me pretty sure intimation that Maj. Bruce had been attacked in attempting to cross. Just at dark an express arrived from him confirming our worst fears, by informing us that he had been attacked in attempting to cross, and requesting that Capt. Judah might return with the gun and cover a second attempt. It is due to Maj. Bruce, here to say that the expressman totally misapprehended his message; that his object was only to notify myself and Capt. Judah; that he had been unable to proceed as anticipated; that no request was sent either for the gun or reinforcements.

As any attempt to descend the mountain and make an attack from this side would be hazardous and fruitless, without co-operation on the other, I was reluctantly compelled to return to camp; as many of the men were much fatigued from the day's march. I left Capts. Bailey and Buoy encamped upon the mountain. Capt. Judah and myself reached camp some hours after midnight, where we found Maj. Bruce, who had reached camp with his wounded soon after dark. For a detailed account of the operations of his division at the river, you will please see his report. Capt. Keeney, of my battalion, lost one man killed and one wounded. The remainder of the northern battalion reached camp early on the following day. Our field operations had now reached a crisis. Some movement was to be

made and made quickly, either to make another attempt to dislodge the enemy or to retire to some point in reach of supplies.

There were but three day's rations in camp on the 27th of Nov., and every appearance of an approaching storm. In the haste with which my command had been brought from the different posts on the call of Major Bruce, most of the tents and camp equipage had been left behind. The men had been in active service since the date of their being called into the field, performing hard marches across mountains through rain and snow, and throwing themselves down at night without shelter or covering but their blankets, and poorly provided with those. Many were without shoes or boots and without clothing to protect them and scarcely enough to cover their nakedness.

To pursue the first course, under the most favorable circumstances and with the greatest possible success that we could anticipate, would in any event, throw upon our hands from 50 to 75 wounded men. To transport these across the mountains was impossible; to provide for such a contingency, by bringing up supplies to subsist a post at the meadows during the winter season, was therefore a first and paramount object.

Maj. Bruce and Capt. Judah, in view of these considerations, had already, on the 25th inst., sent an express to Fort Lane and camp Vanoy, to hasten forward supplies. With a similar object, on the 28th, I dispatched Adjutant R. E. Stratton, with an escort of forty men under Capt. Bailey, the escort upon reaching Grave creek, to return with such trains as might be in readiness at that point. It was therefore determined to remain in our present position until the last moment. Mr. Stratton bore orders to Capts. Gordon and Chapman, to repair with their respective companies immediately to the meadows. Under an apprehension that the Indians, who were known to be somewhere on the waters of the Coquille or Cow creek, might make a descent upon the settlements of the Umpqua, Mr. Stratton was left with discretionary orders for those companies; to retain them in the Umpqua if thought advisable. The precaution was found not unnecessary. On the 3d day of December, a small party of the Cow Creeks attacked the settlements on the west of the South Umpqua, near Looking Glass prairie, burning fifteen houses which had been abandoned by the inhabitants, killing a large amount of stock and destroying other property. On the morning of the 4th they were attacked by a small party of citizen volunteers supported by a detachment of company A, under sergeant Holland, and completely routed them with two of their number killed and several known to have been wounded. One Mr. Price was wounded in defence of his horse from the Indians, on the 3d; assistant Quarter Master General Castleman, severely in the attack upon the Indians on the 4th. My order to Capt. Chapman reached him at Grave creek. He immediately pushed on to the Meadows, escorting the only supply train, (Mr. Foster's,) in readiness at that point. I may here say that my battalion was much indebted for supplies to this active and efficient train-master. Capt. Chapman arrived at the

Meadows on the 31st, bringing the intelligence to Capt. Judah, that Capt. Smith, of Fort Lane, to whom he had sent for supplies, had come as far as the foot of the first mountain on the trail from camp Leland, from which point, owing to the lateness of the season, the inclemency of the weather, and with a thorough knowledge of the country he had to traverse, he deemed it too hazardous to proceed further. Upon the receipt of this intelligence, Capt. Judah reluctantly announced his intention to return to Grave creek.

The snow was now falling rapidly and the supplies which the last train brought were barely sufficient to provision the men to camp Leland. Much as we regretted the course, necessity compelled Major Bruce and myself also, to return to our respective head-quarters. Owing to a doubt as to seniority of commission, neither Major Bruce nor myself had felt authorized to assume the command of the regiment; yet, our intercourse with each other and with Capt. Judah, of the regulars also, has been cordial and satisfactory. Since my last report, Adjutant J. W. Drew, has resigned and R. E. Stratton was appointed to fill the place on the 20th of Nov. I. N. Smith, Esq., and Mr. W. G. Hill have rendered me much assistance from time to time, as my aids. No important movement has taken place since my arrival at head-quarters. My only object being to make such disposition of my command as to best protect the road and settlements until such time as the Colonel of the regiment shall be elected under order of the Governor, of the — day of November.

W. J. MARTIN;

*Maj. Com'd'g North. Bat. South. Div. Oregon M. Vols.*

By R. E. STRATTON, *Adjutant.*

HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHERN BATTALION,  
O. M. Vols., *Camp Vanoy, Dec. 12, 1855.* }

To E. M. BARNUM, *Adjutant General* :

On the 10th day of November, 1855, four companies of the Oregon militia under Col. Ross, to-wit: Capt. James Bruce's, Capt. R. S. Williams', Capt. W. A. Wilkinson's, and Capt. M. T. Alcorn's, came forward and were mustered into the service of the Territory, by Jno. K. Lamerick, mustering officer, under the Governor's proclamation of Oct. 15th, 1855, to constitute the Southern Battalion of Oregon Mounted Volunteers. An election was thereupon held, and Capt. James Bruce was elected Major of this battalion.

Maj. Bruce proceeded immediately to send out scouts and spies, making ready for a campaign into the mountains. On the 17th of November, scouts fell in with a small party of the enemy, had a fight and killed five or six Indians; got one man mortally wounded.

On the 19th November, Maj. Bruce, with a part of his battalion, marched up Applegate, in company with Capt. Judah and his company, from Fort Jones, U. S. regulars, but finding no signs of Indians, they returned to head-quarters on the 20th of Nov. On the 21st, Maj. Bruce ordered Capt. Williams' and Capt. Alcorn's companies to go down on the west side of Rogue river, while Maj. Bruce, with Capt. Rice's and Wilkinson's companies marched for the Meadows, on the east side of the river, by the way of Grave creek, accompanied by Capt. Judah and Maj. Martin; on the 24th Nov., arrived at the Meadows, and at day-light of the 25th, sent out spies both up and down the river; late in the night the spies returned and reported the Indians, (200 or 300 strong,) six miles above, camped on a bar on Rogue river, and very difficult of access. On the morning of the 26th, the plan of attack having been already made, Capt. Judah, with 46 regulars, and Maj. Martin, with 100 volunteers, marched round on a ridge up the river to take a position opposite the Indian camp, while Major Bruce, with 286 volunteers, Capt. Williams and Alcorn having joined him, were to cross the river on a raft, surround if possible the Indian camp, and give a signal agreed upon, when Capt. Judah was to open a fire upon them from his howitzer. At 20 minutes past 12 o'clock, Maj. Bruce was fired upon while putting the raft into the water on which to cross; the Indians being concealed in thick timber and under brush on the opposite side of the river, no appearance of them could be seen for some time.

The men sought shelter and continued to defend themselves until dark. On the next day all the forces returned to camp without accomplishing anything. It was then decided to send out an express for supplies and a reinforcement of volunteers; regulars from Fort Lane were also sent for. On the first of December, an express from Capt. Smith, of Fort Lane, to Capt. Judah, arrived informing the latter officer that he, (Capt. Smith,) had reached a point 12 miles below the Grave creek house and could get no further upon the mountains by reason of the rain and snow, and that in a few days more the mountains would be impassable. A council of war was then held and it was decided to march early in the morning, to head-quarters. On the 4th of December, all the forces arrived at the Grave creek house, where the Governor's proclamation uniting the two battalions into a regiment and ordering the election of Colonel and Lieut. Col., were received.

On the 5th, Major Bruce, with his command, returned to head-quarters, (Vanoy's,) and on the 6th held an election. On the 7th the several companies were ordered to different points in the valley where grass could be obtained for animals—it being impossible to procure hay—as well as for protection to the settlements in different parts of the valley.

O. D. HOXIE,  
*Adj. South. Bat. O. M. V's.*

DEER CREEK, DOUGLAS Co., O. T., Dec. 14, 1855.

COL. R. L. WILLIAMS, *Com'd'g 2d Reg't O. M. Vols.:*

COLONEL:—Herewith you will receive a synopsis of the votes given at the election for Colonel and Lieut. Colonel of the 2d regiment Oregon mounted volunteers, held in pursuance of the proclamation of the Governor, Geo. L. Curry, dated 21st November, 1855, uniting the two battalions in Southern Oregon. Your commission as Colonel, is also herewith transmitted; you having received a majority of the votes given by the several companies composing the regiment.

The result of the recent skirmishes against the hostile Indians encamped on Rogue river, and the great danger to be apprehended to the settlements in Southern Oregon, from renewed attacks by the bands of savages infesting that portion of our country, require the utmost promptness on your part in efficiently organizing the regiment now under your command.

Lieut. Col. W. J. Martin, late Major of the northern battalion, has received his commission and will report the disposition he has already made of the forces under his command and await further orders from you. The present unprotected condition of the main road connecting the Umpqua with the Rogue river valleys through the Canyon, will particularly demand your attention. The number of private travelers and pack-trains of merchandise which are daily passing along the road, indicate the necessity of immediately sending detachments of volunteers to be stationed at several posts upon the route.

The transmission of commissary stores and ammunition, which will be required to pass over that road, from time to time, will also indicate the necessity of keeping a considerable force in that section distributed at Eliff's, Smith's, on Cow creek, Fort Bailey, Fort Leland, and at some post between the latter place and Rogue river.

In the present inclement state of the winter and the great scarcity of forage throughout that section of the country, infested by the enemy, I would suggest the propriety of ordering those volunteers who may be there engaged, to be dismounted and their horses sent to neighboring valleys for pasture.

Two companies of volunteers, Capt. Bouy's and Capt. Keeney's are at the present time, encamped at the northern end of the Canyon, and will be the most readily available force for the protection of that section above indicated.

The plan of operation for a campaign towards the speedy chastisement of those savages who have committed the outrages upon our people in Southern Oregon, will necessarily be left very much to your own discretion. You will keep the Commander-in-chief fully advised from time to time, of your operations and success.

With reliance upon your prudence and valor and upon the brave volunteers under your command, for the accomplishment of the duty entrusted to you,

I am, Colonel, yours very respectfully,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 1.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Portland, O. T. Oct. 13, 1855. }

To A. ZIEBER, *Assist. Qr. Master General*:

SIR:—You will purchase at market prices, the following articles, and in such quantities as are herein given for the use of the troops called into service by proclamation of the Governor of Oregon Territory, dated, Portland, O. T., Oct. 11, 1855. You will purchase such articles to be approved and accepted by yourself, and upon the condition that the payment for the same will be made from appropriations made by the congress of the United States, to be applied to defraying the expenses of the campaign under said proclamation, viz:

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| 1000 horses and mules ;                                                                                                                   | 400 saddles and bridles ;            |
| 100 pack saddles and rigging ;                                                                                                            | 300 guns ;                           |
| 2000 lbs. buck shot ;                                                                                                                     | 2000 lbs. best rifle powder ;        |
| 3000 lbs. bar lead ;                                                                                                                      | 100 revolvers ;                      |
| 100 M percussion caps ;                                                                                                                   | 300 powd'r flasks & shot po'ch's ;   |
| 10 coil lasso rope ; forage for 30 day's for animals procured ; also stationery, as required by the several departments of the regiment ; |                                      |
| 1500 heavy blankets ;                                                                                                                     | 100 heavy flannel shirts ;           |
| 1000 pairs pants ;                                                                                                                        | 1000 pairs shoes ;                   |
| 1000 pairs socks ;                                                                                                                        | 200 iron or tin 6 qt. camp kettles ; |
| 200 tin 2 qt. coffee pots ;                                                                                                               | 1000 tin pint cups ;                 |
| 9000 tin plates ;                                                                                                                         | 1000 sheathe knives ;                |
| 200 tin 8 quart pans ;                                                                                                                    | 25 camp tents ;                      |
| 50 axes with handles ;                                                                                                                    | 100 hatchets and handles.            |

And you will forward all of the said ammunition, one-half of the horses and mules, saddles and camp equipage, clothing, &c., to the Dalles, at the earliest possible dispatch and the remainder of said supplies you will retain at this point, Portland, to await further orders and report to this department.

By command of the Governor,

-GEO. L. CUURY.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 2.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN'S. OFFICE,      }  
*Portland, O. T., Oct. 15, 1855.*      }

M. M. McCARVER, *Com. General,*

Will be prepared to furnish subsistence for at least thirty days, for the entire command, which has been called into the field by the proclamation of the Governor, dated 11th Oct., 1855.

Meanwhile he will have ample time to procure further supplies, if the campaign should be prolonged beyond that number of days, and he will hold himself in readiness for that purpose, upon further orders from this office.

By command of the Governor,      E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 3.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN'S. OFFICE,      }  
*Portland, O. T., Oct. 15, 1855.*      }

By proclamation of the Governor, this day made, two battalions of mounted volunteers have been called for from southern and middle Oregon, for the purpose of suppressing Indian hostilities in those sections of our country, and in view of the probable concert of action among the tribes upon both our northern and southern borders, it is indispensably necessary that a free communication should be kept open between Rogue river and Willamette valleys.

The officers who may be chosen to the command of these battalions as soon as they are mustered into the field, will therefore employ their respective commands in protecting the settlements in those sections from which they have been raised and at the same time will keep open the line of communication between the Umpqua and Rogue river valleys. Their movements for these objects must necessarily be left very much to their own discretion. For the purpose of effectually chastising the savages, who have perpetrated the merciless outrages in their midst, they will treat all Indians as enemies who do not show unmistakable signs of friendship and deal with them accordingly; and they will also bear in mind that so far as is practicable, a concert of action will be maintained with the United States forces that may be engaged in that section of the Territory. No change in the plan of operations for carrying on a vigorous war against the Indians at the north will be made in consequence of the call for a battalion from the south.

The commanding officers will keep the office fully advised, from time to time, of their operations and success.

By order of the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 4.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN.'S OFFICE,  
Portland, Oct. 16, 1855.

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The regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers authorized by the proclamation of the Governor of the Territory, on the 11th day of October inst., for the suppression of Indian hostilities on the northern frontier, will establish its base of operations at the Dalles of the Columbia, and with all possible dispatch enter the enemy's country, secure indemnity for the past and conquer a lasting peace for the future. The means necessary for effecting the object of the campaign, will be left very much to the prudence, skill, and experience of the Colonel in command of the regiment, who will, as far as practicable, co-operate with the commanding officers of the United States troops, which now are or may hereafter be in the field.

Great care will be taken not to confound friendly with hostile Indians, but unmistakable evidence of friendship will be required of any of the Indians within the field of the regiment's operations, or they will be treated as confederated with those openly in arms. As far as possible, under the circumstances of the case, respect will be paid to the property of the enemy and the campaign conducted to a successful issue, with that humanity which should characterize a brave and powerful people, in the infliction of merited chastisement upon a treacherous and savage foe.

The chief of the commissary's and quarter-master's departments, will make such arrangements immediately, as are necessary to promote the efficiency of the regiment for a campaign of three months duration. The surgeon to the regiment will organize the medical department, and report to the commanding officer of the regiment.

By the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 5.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN.'S OFFICE,  
*Portland, O. T., Oct. 16, 1855.*

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*Commissary General M. M. McCARVER,*

Will proceed without delay to southern Oregon, and make all necessary arrangements to subsist the two battalions called for by proclamation of the 15th October, 1855.

He will inculcate the necessity, on the part of his subordinates, of the exercise of perspicuity and carefulness in the records of all official transactions, and of the utmost prudence and economy in purchasing the supplies that may be requisite for the war.

By command of the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 6.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN.'S OFFICE,  
*Portland, O. T., Oct. 16, 1855.*

}

*Qr. Master General JNO. F. MILLER,*

Is required, without delay, to make the necessary arrangements for insuring the efficiency and dispatch in his department, in furnishing the arms, ammunition, and other supplies which may be required by the volunteer force called into service to suppress Indian hostilities, by proclamation of the Governor, of the 15th Oct., 1855.

He will inculcate the necessity upon the part of his subordinates, of the exercise of perspicuity and carefulness in keeping the record of all official transactions, and of the utmost prudence and economy in purchasing the supplies that may be required.

By command of the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 7.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Portland, Oct. 17, 1855.* }

Hostile Indians in straggling parties, are reported to have recently passed and repassed the Cascade mountains, by the emigrant road; companies C and D, will therefore constitute a detachment of the regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, and proceed immediately to the Dalles of the Columbia, by that road, and report to the senior officer of the regiment there.

All Indians that may be encountered on the march, will furnish unmistakable evidence of friendship or be treated as enemies.

On the line of march, the detachment will afford every assistance and protection to our citizens and their property.

By the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 8.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Portland, O. T., Oct. 18, 1855.* }

The urgency for a force at the Dalles of the Columbia, imposes a necessity for the utmost celerity on the part of the troops authorized by the proclamation of 11th Oct. inst. Forty-eight hours only will therefore be allowed to each company of the regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers at the rendezvous after being mustered into service.

At the Dalles, facilities will be afforded for completing the equipments of any company unavoidably compelled to leave the rendezvous without being fully equipped within the time allowed by this order.

By the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 9.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Portland, Oct. 19, 1855.* }

Companies E and F, of the regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers will constitute a detachment and proceed to the Dalles of the Columbia, forthwith, by way of the mouth of the Sandy, and report to the senior officer of the regiment there.

All Indians that may be encountered on the march, will furnish unmistakable evidence of friendship or be treated as enemies.

On the line of march, the detachment will afford every assistance and protection to our citizens and their property.

By the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 10.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Portland, Oct. 20, 1855.* }

Information having been received that armed parties have taken the field in southern Oregon, with the avowed purpose of waging a war of extermination against the Indians in that section of the Territory and have slaughtered without respect to age or sex, a band of friendly Indians upon the reservation, in despite of the authority of the Indian agent and the commanding officer of the United States troops stationed there, and contrary to the peace of the Territory, it is therefore ordered that the commanding officers of the battalion authorized by the proclamation of the Governor of the 15th of October inst., will enforce the disbanding of all armed parties not duly enrolled into the service of the Territory, by virtue of said proclamation.

The force called into service for the suppression of Indian hostilities in the Rogue river and Umpqua valleys, and chastisement of the hostile party of Shasta, Rogue river, and other Indians now menacing the settlements in southern Oregon, is deemed entirely inadequate to achieve the object of the campaign, and the utmost confidence is reposed in the citizens of that part of the Territory, that they will support and maintain the authority of the Executive, by cordially co-operating with the commanding officers of the territorial force, the commanding officers of the United States troops, and the special agents of the Indian department in Oregon. A partisan warfare against any bands of Indians within our borders, or on our frontiers, is pregnant only with mischief, and will be viewed with distrust and

disapprobation by every citizen who values the peace and good order of the settlements. It will receive no countenance or support from the Executive authority of the Territory.

By the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 11.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN'S. OFFICE,        }  
*Portland, O. T., Oct. - 0, 1855.*        }

So much of General Order, No. 9, heretofore issued to companies E and F, regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, directing said companies to proceed to Dalles of the Columbia, by way of the mouth of Sandy, is hereby recalled.

They will hold themselves in readiness, on and after the morning of the 21st inst., to proceed to the Dalles of the Columbia, by way of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, as far as the Cascades, in steamboats provided for their transportation, and from thence as indicated in General Order, No. 9.

At the Dalles, the department will report to the senior officer of the regiment.

By command of the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 12.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GENERAL'S OFFICE,        }  
*Portland, O. T. Oct. 22, 1855.*        }

Company G, of first regiment Oregon mounted volunteers, will proceed immediately upon receipt of this order, to the mouth of Sandy, and there await transportation to the Cascades; from thence it will proceed to the Dalles of the Columbia, without delay, there to report to the senior officer of the regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers.

By order of the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 13.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Portland, Oct. 31, 1855.* }

Company K, regiment Oregon mounted volunteers, under command of Capt. Narcisse Connoyer, will proceed immediately upon the receipt of this order, to the mouth of Sandy and there await transportation to the Cascades. From thence it will proceed to the Dalles of the Columbia, and report to the senior officer of the regiment there.

On the line of march, if the company shall fall in with the train of pack animals and horses in charge of W. S. Caldwell, of the Quarter Master's department, it will afford every assistance and protection which may be required to insure safety and dispatch of the train to the Dalles of the Columbia.

By order of the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 14.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Dalles, Oct. 29, 1855.* }

The Captains of the several companies of the regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, will proceed immediately to take the vote of the officers and men composing their companies for the following regimental officers, and report the result of the vote in writing, to the Commander-in-chief, within twenty-four hours from the receipt of this order, viz: For one Colonel, one Lieut. Colonel, one Senior Major, and one Junior Major.

The persons having the highest number of votes for the respective offices named, will be declared duly elected to the same.

By command of the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 15.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
*Dalles, Oct. 30, 1855.* }

Companies C, D, E, F and G, of first regiment O. M. Vols., will constitute a column to proceed into the Yakima country under the command of the Colonel of the regiment, for the purpose of inflicting upon the hostile Indians of that section, such a chastisement

as will secure an indemnity for the past and a guarantee of good conduct for the future.

It is expected that a spirit of generous emulation will animate the entire force engaged in this arduous service. Much of the efficiency of the command will depend upon the discipline which is maintained and the cheerfulness and promptitude which every order emanating from the proper authority, is responded to.

By the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 16.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
Dalles, Nov. 2, 1855. }

Companies A, B, C, H and I, of first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, will constitute the left column of the regiment, and be immediately concentrated and put in readiness for instant service.

The anxiety of the officers and men composing these companies, to participate in and share the toils and dangers of the service in which the right column of the regiment is expected to be at once engaged, is most fully appreciated and approved.

It will be gratified so far as may be consistent with the achievement of the main object of the campaign. Whatever active service they may be called upon to perform, will be designed for the best interests of the Territory. The welfare and protection of their fellow-citizens on the immediate frontier, imposes a duty in the defence of exposed points of the highest dignity and importance, and one equally entitling them to honor and applause, with the more exciting and attractive exploits of the field.

By command of the Governor,

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 17.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
Dalles, Nov. 5, 1855. }

Companies A and K, of the first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, will constitute a detachment to proceed on Tuesday, the 6th inst., as an escort for the train of supplies for the right column of the regiment.

The detachment will proceed on the main trail pursued by the column under Col. Nesmith, exercising great prudence and vigilance to avoid a surprise, and with the utmost possible dispatch, report to the Colonel commanding the column, for further orders.

## [GENERAL ORDER NO. 18.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
Portland, Nov. 6, 1855. }

In order to insure accuracy and completeness of detail in company muster rolls, each company of the Oregon mounted volunteers will furnish, within three days after the close of every month, to the Adjutant of the regiment, battalion, or column to which they are respectively attached, a monthly return of the company, duly certified by the commanding officer.

The Adjutants will furnish the several companies, from time to time, as required, blank rolls and returns and transmit to the Adjutant General's office, the certified returns of the companies.

By command of the Governor.

F. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

## [GENERAL ORDER, NO. 19.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
Portland, Nov. 6, 1855. }

Americans being now precluded from passing throughout the country bordering the south side of the Columbia river, as far as its junction with Snake river, without being subjected to contumely and insult, while a friendly feeling is manifested towards all other classes of our citizens, the right column of the first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, at the close of the service in which it is now engaged, will be concentrated at Fort Walla Walla, preparatory to a return through that section of the Territory.

To facilitate the contemplated movement of that column, and to contribute to the subjection of the unfriendly disposition manifested towards a portion of our people by the bands of Indians scattered along that route and in the Walla Walla valley.

Companies B and H, of the first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, will proceed on the 8th inst., to Fort Walla Walla, by the nearest and most practicable road. The command will move with sufficient celerity to insure its arrival at the point of destination on or before the 17th inst.

The post lately occupied by Mr. Sinclair, will be taken possession of and held by a detachment of resolute men selected from the command placed under the charge of a prudent and discreet officer. A junction with the command at that point is anticipated as early as the 17th inst., by the right column, or by a detachment from it, in sufficient force to traverse that section of the enemy's country. To

facilitate this the command will employ every available means, after its arrival at Fort Walla Walla, placing itself at no time before the junction contemplated is effected in such a position as to be deprived of the support afforded by that post. The successful execution of this movement is of the highest importance.

Great prudence and vigilance will be exercised by the command while on the march, to avoid the dangers with which their route will be beset. Indians of whatever tribe that may be encountered on the march, whose conduct shall appear unfriendly, will be considered as enemies and treated accordingly.

By the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 20.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS, }  
*Corvallis, Dec. 10, 1855.* }

In consequence of the great delay and heavy expense attending the procurement and transportation of forage, the 2d regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, the season and the character of the country in which the regiment is operating, the Colonel in command is directed to take into consideration the propriety of dismounting a portion or all of his command for a time and turning his horses over to the Quarter Master's department, in order that they may be taken to a locality convenient for grazing.

GEO. L. CURRY, *Gov. of Oregon.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 21.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS, }  
*Portland, Dec. 27, 1855.* }

The Governor takes this opportunity to acknowledge the gallantry and congratulate the officers and men of the first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, upon their brilliant success in the engagements of the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th of Dec. inst.

The office of Colonel of the regiment, by reason of resignation of J. W. Nesmith, and of Sen. Major of the regiment, by reason of the resignation of Maj. A. N. Armstrong, being vacated, the regiment will proceed immediately upon the receipt of this order to supply said vacancies by election, and report the result thereof to this office. The person receiving the highest number of votes for the re-

pective offices named, will be declared duly elected thereto, to take effect from the date of the resignations respectively of the offices above named.

Vacancies which may occur hereafter in the regimental offices of the first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, will be in like manner immediately filled by election and the result of such election reported to this office.

By the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 22.]

TERRITORY OF OREGON, HEAD QUARTERS,  
Salem, Jan. 10, 1854. }

To achieve a prompt and successful result, the campaign against the hostile Indians in Southern Oregon, is required to be continuously and vigorously prosecuted. In view of the continuance of active operations by the 2d regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, during the present inclement season of the year, a contingency not anticipated by many of those who promptly and patriotically volunteered into the service of the Territory, it is directed that upon the promulgation of this order, all who so desire may be duly discharged from service.

In order to make the service more efficient, a spirit of discipline and subordination is most earnestly enjoined upon the officers and men composing the regiment. The Commander-in-chief hopes soon to have the pleasure of congratulating the regiment upon the achievement of important success.

By order of the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

[GENERAL ORDER, NO. 23.]

HEAD QUARTERS, ADJ. GEN'S. OFFICE,  
Salem, January 14, 1856. }

To render more vigorous and efficient the service of the volunteer forces in the north, Col. Thomas R. Cornelius, commanding the first regiment of Oregon mounted volunteers, will authorize the discharge from service of all volunteers who may so desire; *provided*, that the number of discharges shall not reduce the forces under his command

below a sufficient number to successfully occupy the posts established in the enemies country.

He will further reorganize those companies in the field, into a battalion and continue to maintain the advantages and prepare to follow up the success already obtained over the enemy, upon being reinforced by a new battalion, which will be speedily enrolled and ordered to his support.

By order of the Governor.

E. M. BARNUM, *Adj. Gen.*

*REGISTRY of Commissioned Officers.*

| DATE OF<br>RANK. | NAMES.                                                                          | REMARKS.               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Oct. 13,         | A. P. Dennison, Aid-de-camp to Governor,                                        |                        |
| Oct. 13,         | Benj. Stark, Aid-de-camp to Gov.,                                               |                        |
| Oct. 18,         | J. K. Lamerick, Mustering officer for Southern Oregon,                          |                        |
| Oct. 10,         | A. Zeiber, Assist. Qr. M. Gen.,                                                 |                        |
| Oct. 15,         | S. S. Slater, Dept. Assist Qr. M. Gen.,                                         |                        |
| Oct. 15,         | B. F. Goodwin, Assist. Com. Gen.,                                               |                        |
| Nov. 1,          | J. S. Ruckel, 2d Assist. Com. Gen.,                                             |                        |
| Oct. 13,         | J. W. Nesmith, Col. 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,                                      | Resigned Dec. 14.      |
| Oct. 30,         | Jas. K. Kelly, Lieut. Col. 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,                               |                        |
| Oct. 30,         | A. N. Armstrong, Maj. 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,                                    | Resigned Dec. 27:      |
| Oct. 30,         | M. A. Chinn, Maj. 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,                                        |                        |
| Oct. 13,         | Wm. H. Farrar, Adj. 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,                                      |                        |
| Oct. 13,         | R. Thompson, Regimental Qr. Master 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,                       |                        |
| Oct. 13,         | S. Norris, Regimental Com. of sub-                                              | Resigned Dec. 1st.     |
| Nov. 7,          | W. H. Fountleroy, Assist. Regimental Qr. Master and Com. 1st Reg't O. M. Vols., |                        |
| Oct. 18,         | J. F. Miller, Issuing Com. 1st Reg't,                                           | [sistance, Dec. 1.     |
| Nov: 10,         | Jas. Bruce, Major Southern Bat.,                                                | Regim'l Com. of sub-   |
| Oct: 30,         | Wm. J. Martin, Maj. North. Bat.,                                                | [Reg't Dec. 7, '55.    |
| Oct. 30,         | J. W. Drew, Adj. of North. Bat.,                                                | Elected Lieut. Col. 2d |
| Nov. 20,         | R. E. Stratton, Adj. of North. Bat.,                                            | Resign'd Nov. 20, '55. |
| Oct: 30,         | Wm. G. Hill, Aid to Maj. of North. Bat.,                                        |                        |
| Nov. 4,          | I. N. Smith, Aid to Maj. North. Bat.,                                           |                        |
| Nov: 10,         | O. D. Hoxie, Adj. South. Bat.,                                                  |                        |
| Dec. 7,          | R. L. Williams, Col. 2d Reg't O. M. Vols.,                                      |                        |
| Dec. 7,          | Wm. J. Martin, Lieut. Col. 2d Reg't,                                            |                        |
| Dec. 27,         | C. S. Drew, Adj. of 2d Reg't O. M. Vols.,                                       |                        |

# *REGISTRY of Commissioned Officers.*

| DATE OF<br>RANK. | NAMES.                                                                 | REMARKS.                 |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dec. 14,         | J. S. Rinearson, Regimental Qr. M.<br>2d Reg't,                        |                          |
| Dec. 14,         | T. A. Jackson, Regimental Com. of<br>subsistence 2d Reg't,             |                          |
|                  | Company A, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>enrolled Oct. 13, Multnomah Co.,  | 97 men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 15,         | Captain—A. V. Wilson,                                                  |                          |
| Oct. 15,         | 1st Lieutenant—B. M. Harding,                                          |                          |
| Oct. 15,         | 2d Lieutenant—C. B. Pillow,                                            |                          |
|                  | Company B, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Wasco Co., enrolled Oct. 18,      | 65 men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 18,         | Captain—O. Humason,                                                    |                          |
| Oct. 18,         | 1st Lieutenant—Jno. T. Jeffries,                                       |                          |
| Oct. 18,         | 2d Lieutenant—Jas. McAliff,                                            |                          |
|                  | Company C, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Clackamas Co., enrolled Oct. 15,  | 93 men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 16,         | Captain—Jas. K. Kelly,                                                 | Elected Lt. Col. 1st     |
| Nov. 4,          | Captain—Samuel B. Stafford,                                            | [Reg't Oct. 30, '55.     |
| Oct. 16,         | 1st Lieutenant—D. B. Hannah,                                           |                          |
| Oct. 16,         | 2d Lieutenant—Jos. A. Pownall,                                         |                          |
| Nov. 4,          | 2d Lieutenant—Chas. Cutting,                                           |                          |
|                  | Company D, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Washington Co., enrolled Oct. 15, | 100 men, rank & file.    |
| Oct. 17,         | Captain—Thos. R. Cornelius,                                            | Elected Col. 1st Reg't   |
| Oct. 17,         | 1st Lieutenant—Hiram Wilbur,                                           | [Dec. 21, '55.           |
| Oct. 17,         | 2d Lieutenant—W. H. H. Myers,                                          |                          |
| Dec. 30,         | 2d Lieutenant—Jno. H. Smith,                                           |                          |
|                  | Company E, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Yamhill Co., enrolled Oct. 15,    | 99 men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 17,         | Captain—A. J. Hembree,                                                 |                          |
| Oct. 17,         | 1st Lieutenant—Jno. P. Hibbler,                                        |                          |
| Oct. 17,         | 2d Lieutenant—Wm. H. Wright,                                           |                          |
|                  | Company F, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Marion Co., enrolled Oct. 15,     | 81 men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 19,         | Captain—Chas. Bennett,                                                 | Kill'd in battle Dec. 7. |
| Oct. 19,         | 1st Lieutenant—A. M. Fellows,                                          | Elect'd Capt. Dec.       |
| Oct. 19,         | 2d Lieutenant—A. Shepard,                                              | Elect'd 1st Lt. Dec:     |

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| Dec. —,       | 2d Lieutenant—Richard A. Barker,                                   |                        |
|               | Company G, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Polk Co., enrolled Oct 15,    | 104 men, rank & file.  |
| Oct. 19,      | Captain—A. N. Armstrong,                                           | El'ct'd Maj. 1st Reg't |
| Nov. 2,       | Captain—Benj. Hayden,                                              | [Oct. 30, '55.         |
| Oct. 19,      | 1st Lieutenant—Ira S. Townsend,                                    |                        |
| Oct. 19,      | 2d Lieutenant—Francis M. P. Goff,                                  |                        |
| Nov. 2,       | 2d Lieutenant—David Cosper,                                        |                        |
|               | Company H, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Linn Co., enrolled Oct. 17,   | 74 men, rank and file. |
| Oct. 20,      | Captain—Davis Layton,                                              |                        |
| Oct. 20,      | 1st Lieutenant—A. Hanan,                                           |                        |
| Oct. 20,      | 2d Lieutenant—Jno. M. Burrows,                                     | Killed in battle De-   |
|               |                                                                    | cember 7.              |
|               | Company I, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Benton Co., enrolled Oct. 20, | 71 men, rank and file. |
| Oct. 20,      | Captain—Lyman B. Monson,                                           |                        |
| Oct. 20,      | 1st Lieutenant—Smith Suard,                                        |                        |
| Oct. 20,      | 2d Lieutenant—Chas. B. Hand,                                       |                        |
|               | Company K, 1st Reg't O. M. Vols.,<br>Marion Co., enrolled Oct. 31, | 30 men, rank and file. |
| Oct. 31,      | Captain—Narcisse A. Connoyer,                                      |                        |
| Oct. 31,      | 1st Lieutenant—Antoine Rivaïs,                                     |                        |
| Oct. 31,      | 2d Lieutenant—Thos. J. Small,                                      |                        |
|               | Company A, North. Battalion, Lane<br>Co., enrolled Oct. 23,        |                        |
| Oct. 23,      | Captain—Joseph Bailey,                                             | Co. A, 2d Reg't—87     |
| Oct. 23,      | 1st Lieutenant—Daniel W. Keith,                                    | [men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 23,      | 2d Lieutenant—Cyrenous Mulky,                                      | Resign'd Dec. 30, '55, |
| Dec. 30,      | 2d Lieutenant—Chas. W. McClure,                                    |                        |
|               | Company B, North. Bat. O. M.<br>Vols., Lane Co., enrolled Oct. 23, | Co. B, 2d Reg't—98     |
| Oct. 23,      | Captain—Labon Buoy,                                                | [men, rank and file.   |
| Oct. 23,      | 1st Lieutenant—A. W. Patterson,                                    | Resign'd and accept'd  |
| Nov. 23,      | 1st Lieutenant—L. Poindexter,                                      | to medical depart-     |
| Oct. 23,      | 2d Lieutenant—P. C. Noland,                                        | ment by Maj. Mar-      |
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| Oct. 24,<br>Oct. 24,<br>Oct. 24,                           | Company C, North. Bat. O. M. Vols., Linn Co., enrolled Oct. 24,<br>Captain—Jonathan Keeney,<br>1st Lieutenant—A. W. Stannard,<br>2d Lieutenant—Joseph Yates,                                                                | Co. C, 2d Reg't—111<br>[men, rank and file.]                                                                                                |
| Oct. 25,<br>Oct. 25,<br>Oct. 25,                           | Company D, North. Bat. O. M. Vols., Douglas Co., enrolled October 25,<br>Captain—Samuel Gordon,<br>1st Lieutenant—S. B. Hadley,<br>2d Lieutenant—T. Prater,                                                                 | Co. H, 2d Reg't—90<br>[men, rank and file.]                                                                                                 |
| Nov. 8,<br>Nov. 8,<br>Nov. 8,                              | Company E, North. Bat. O. M. Vols., Umpqua Co., enrolled November 8,<br>Captain—W. W. Chapman,<br>1st Lieutenant—Z. Dimmick,<br>2d Lieutenant—J. M. Merrick,                                                                | Co. I, 2d Reg't—93<br>[men, rank and file.]                                                                                                 |
| Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,               | Company A, South. Bat. O. M. Vols., Jackson Co., enrolled November 10,<br>Captain—James Bruce,<br>1st Lieutenant—E. A. Rice,<br>2d Lieutenant—John S. Miller,<br>2d Lieutenant—J. F. Anderson,                              | [men, rank and file.]<br>Co. D, 2d Reg't—94<br>[Bat. Nov. 10, '55.<br>Elected Maj. South.<br>El'ct'd Capt Nov. 10,<br>" 1st Lt. Nov. 10,    |
| Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,<br>J'y 5, '56,<br>Jan. 5, | Company B, South. Bat. O. M. Vols., Jackson Co., enrolled November 10,<br>Captain—R. L. Williams,<br>1st Lieutenant—Hugh O'Neal,<br>2d Lieutenant—M. Bushey,<br>1st Lieutenant—Benj. Armstrong,<br>2d Lieutenant—J. Howell, | [men, rank and file.]<br>Co. E, 2d Reg't—128<br>[Dec. 7, '55.<br>Elected Col. 2d Reg't<br>Elect' Cpt. Jan. 5, '56.<br>Resigned Jan. 5, '56. |
| Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,                           | Company C, South. Bat. O. M. Vols., Jackson Co., enrolled November 10,<br>Captain—Wm. A. Wilkinson,<br>1st Lieutenant—C. F. Blake,<br>2d Lieutenant—Edwin Hess,                                                             | [men, rank and file.]<br>Co. F, 2d Reg't—73                                                                                                 |

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| Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10,<br>Nov. 10, | Company D, South. Bat. O. M.<br>Vols., Jackson Co., enrolled No-<br>vember 10,<br>Captain—Miles F. Alcorn,<br>1st Lieutenant—James M. Matney,<br>2d Lieutenant—John Osborn, | Co. G, 2d Reg't—92<br>[men, rank and file. |